

# Public Service Announcement

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### County Announces Informational Meeting on State-Mandated Stormwater Remediation Fee

On May 2, 2012, Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley signed into law House Bill 987, which requires 10 Maryland counties, including Harford, to collect a Stormwater Remediation Fee to fund the implementation of local stormwater management practices and stream and wetland restoration projects. This bill passed the House of Delegates by a 91-45 vote, and passed the State Senate by a 33-14 vote.

As a result of this action by the governor and the General Assembly, which was intended to ensure that counties meet federal stormwater discharge permit requirements from the Environmental Protection Agency, Harford County is now obligated to implement and collect a Stormwater Remediation Fee and to use those funds for remediation projects in order to avoid costly EPA penalties.

The Harford County Department of Public Works is in the process of formulating a plan for the structuring and implementation of this state-required fee, and legislation will be introduced in the County Council in the coming weeks pursuant to the state law.

Harford County Government will hold an informational meeting to discuss this fee and its impact on Harford’s citizens. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at C. Milton Wright High School (1301 North Fountain Green Road, Bel Air).

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